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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR HAHM REQUESTS USG INFLUENCE ON GOJ

1. ROK AMB HAHM PYONG-CHOON CALLED ON ASST SECY-DESIGNATE HABIB SEPT 4 TO DISCUSS DETERIORATING ROK/JAPAN RELATIONS. HE OPENED BY SAYING FONMIN KIMURA HAS GONE BEYOND WHAT IS NECESSARY, CITING HIS REPORTED STATEMENT THAT NIXON/SATO UNDERSTANDING MUST BE LOOKED AT IN NEW LIGHT. HAHM SAID ROKG SURPRISED BY THIS AND WISHED TO KNOW IF STATEMENT REFLECTED PREVIOUS CONSULTATION WITH USG. HABIB ASSURED HIM HE COULD REPORT THERE WAS NO CONSULTATION OR PRIOR KNOWLEDGE. HABIB NOTED THAT IN THIS INSTANCE AND IN SPEAKING OF NK THREAT KIMURA WAS RESPONDING EXTEMPORANEOUSLY TO QUESTIONS.

2. HAHM THEN SAID ROKG "WOULD BE GRATIFIED" IF PRESIDENT FORD WOULD TAKE UP NEED FOR POSITIVE JAPANESE RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT PARK'S CONCERNS AT HIS MEETING WITH PM TANAKA. HABIB RESPONDED THAT TANAKA VISIT WOULD BE BRIEF AND THERE WOULD BE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION WHEN KIMURA MEETS THE SECRETARY. HABIB PROMISED THAT BRIEFING PAPERS FOR THESE MEETINGS WOULD ACCURATELY REFLECT THE

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SITUATION, ROK CONCERN, AND THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM. HE

EMPHASIZED HE WAS NOT COMMITTING US PRINCIPALS TO ANY COURSE OF ACTION.

3. MINISTER PAK KUN, WHO HAD BEEN SENT BACK TO WASHINGTON SUDDENLY, THEN RECOUNTED HIS RECENT BLUE HOUSE CONVERSATIONS. HE SAID THAT UNLESS GOJ WAS INFLUENCED BY US TO RESPOND POSITIVELY, RESULT WOULD BE "INSULATION OR SEVERING OF CONTACTS." HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT PARK BELIEVED ROK CAUGHT IN VISE. WHILE THEY COULD HANDLE THREAT FROM NORTH, THEY COULD NOT TOLERATE JAPAN BEING USED AS BASE FOR THREAT "FROM THE SOUTH." PAK DESCRIBED PRESIDENT AS "GRIMLY DETERMINED" AND SAID HE COULD NOT OVEREMPHASIZE TENSION IN BLUE HOUSE.

4. HABIB OBSERVED THAT THE ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL COMMENT ON PARK'S REPRESENTATION TO USHIROKU INDICATED GOJ RECOGNIZED SERIOUSNESS OF PRESIDENT PARK'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AND THAT JAPANESE ARE GIVING RESPONSE VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. HE SUGGESTED ROKG AWAIT THAT RESPONSE AND THEN DETERMINE NEXT MOVE. HIS EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN THAT KOREANS AND JAPANESE KNEW EACH OTHER WELL AND THAT THEY COULD RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AFTER INITIAL PERIOD OF TALKING PAST EACH OTHER. HE THOUGHT INITIAL STEPS NOW HAD BEEN TAKEN AND THAT DAMAGING DEMONSTRATIONS AND STATEMENTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED FOR AWHILE. PAK KUN AGREED, NOTING THAT PM KIM HAD DIRECTED HALT TO INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS FROM SEOUL.

5. WE HAVE PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE IF NEEDED, TO EFFECT THAT WE ARE RECEIVING VIEWS OF TWO PARTIES ON A CONTINUING BASIS AND HOPE THAT DIFFERENCES CAN BE RESOLVED IN SPIRIT OF CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION. WE DO NOT INTEND TO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC MEETINGS. KISSINGER

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